BEYOND THE BIG BRIDGE. WHAT PEOPLE IN BROOKLYN ARE TALKING

Mayor Chapin's proposition in regard to repaving Mayor Chapin's proposition in regard to repaying a considerable portion of the streets of Brooklyn has naturally attracted a good deal of attention, but not more than it deserves. Unquestionably the Mayor has chosen an excellent time for bringing the matter forward. What he wishes to secure is favorable action by the Legislature to supplement that taken last winter. There is time enough for the subject to be considered in all its phases before the meeting of the Legislature, and the bill that will in all proba bility be brought forward will be one of the early measures introduced and the consideration of it will not be postponed until the closing hours of the session. Then, too, the excitement of the political campaign has ubsided, and people are in a mood to give attention to other matters. In sending a special message to the Aldermen in regard to street paving Mr. Chaptn has evidently taken his cue from Mayor Hewitt, whose annual message to the New-York Aldermen this year was made up of three instalments. By calling attention to a single topic and concentrating interes upon it much is gained, whereas an exhaustive dis-cussion of the matter as a part of a regular message would be to some extent at least lost sight of in the multitude of subjects taken up.

The Mayor's treatment of the question of streetpaving shows the most thorough and conscientious study of the subject in all its aspects, accurate knowledge of the city's needs and an honest desire to do something that shall be of permanent value to the city. It would be too much to assume that Mr. Chapin does not entertain the hope that he may profit in a political way should the great undertaking which he proposes be carried into effect. But that does not detract from the value of his suggestions or diminish the necessity for the work in contemplation. In the first place, it must be remembered that last Legislature authorized the issue during 1889 of three per cent bonds to the amount of \$1,300,000 for local improvements. The improvements intended were the repairing and repaying of streets and the construction, if necessary, of storm sewers. It has been decided to devote this money mainly to the making of street repairs. What Mr. Chapin proposes is to supplement this \$1,300,000 by the issue of \$2,000, 000 more, provided the Legislature will consent, in carry forward the work and supply city with good pavements in those streets which are These streets he denominates thoroughfares, and the principles which he lays down as a basis for the work are clearly sound. If this plan s carried out the city will have by the beginning of 1892 at least seventy-five miles of streets well paved with granite. That this would be an inestimable boon to Brooklyn there is no denying. Mr. Chapin wishes also to get authority to make an expenditure of \$500,000 for paving streets of a more private character, where the property-owners should bear a part of the expense.

· A more important subject affecting the entire city could not be brought forward. It is a subject that deserves to be considered on other than partisan But it is too much to expect this. There considerable hostility to last winter's proposition and there will be more to this. The Republicans of Brooklyn will not be eager to intrust to the hands of a Democratic executive the expenditure of such enormous sums of money in a year when a Mayor is to be elected. And, in truth, it does not seem that any pressing necessity for haste in the matter exists. Mr. Chaple admits that the proceeds of the \$1,300,000 of bonds will be sufficient for all the work that can reasonably be undertaken during 1889. Why, then, not leave for another Legislature the making of a further appropriation. By a year from January the people will have had an opportunity to see how the work is being done; a new Mayor—at least a successor to the present Mayor-will have been chosen, and there will be plenty of time to authorize the new issue of bonds in time to go on with the work as soon as the season of 1890 permits.

Speaking of Mayor Chapin's belief that all the streets in the neighborhood of the Bridge terminus ought to be paved with granite, I said in this column on October "The Mayor who initiates a successful movement to have the pavements of Brooklyn put in good condition from Red Hook to Greenpoint and from the river-side to East New-York, will certainly be deserving of a permanent testimonial in a conspicuous place.

If Mr. Chapin will only do a little to improve their shockingly bad condition he will be entitled to a last-ing grafftude," Mr. Chapin certainly seems to have

shockingly bad condition he will be entitled to a lasting graffuide," Mr. Chapin certainly seems to have done a little. If his present plans are consummated he will have done much.

The last meetings for the year of both the Republican and the Democratic General Committees have been held, and the committees for the coming year have been made up. The Republican Committee for 1859 will contain 105 more members than the present body, owing to the increase in file vote for Governor this year over that cast for Ira Davenport in 1855.

There will be 413 members in all. A good deal of interest is felt in the election of chairman of the retiring committee. Mr. Baldwin, the chairman of the retiring committee, is not a candidate for re-election. It is most probable that Frankin Woodruff will be thosen as his successor. Mr. Woodruff ran for Mayor In 1670 and was defeated by Mayor Howell. One of the interesting incidents in that campaign was the opposition to Mr. Woodruff manifested by Mr. Beecher and Plymouth Church. I remember going to the office of the Christian Luinon, then in Park Place.

Donatics pendicures to covered by this report begins on November 1, 1887, that being about the time of the incorporation. In addition to the sums mentioned in the preceding, the further sum of \$1,449 47 was expended in the work in which the society was expended in the work in which the society was expended in the work in which the society was expended in the work in which the society was enabled to receipts from all sources down to December 1, 1887, 40 was given for make this purchase through the kind-incorporation. In addition to the sums mentioned in the preceding, the further sum of \$1,449 47 was expended in the work in which the society was enabled to receipts from all sources down to December 1, 1885, 225,464 45, and the grand total of receipts from all sources down to December 1, 1887, 40 was given for the incorporation. In addition to the sums mentioned in the preceding, the further sum of \$1,449 47 was expended in the work in Beecher and Plymouth Church. I remember going to the office of "The Christian Union," then in Park Place. the subject. He was uncompromising in his op-position to the Republican candidate, and was very particular to make sure that what he said should be correctly reported. Mr. Woodruff has taken no active part in politics since that year. There is some talk of setting up a rival candidate for the chairmanship of the General Committee, but the movement against him is not likely to gather much strength.

One of the Democratic primaries on Monday night was a foreible reminder of old-time political methods in Brooklyn. In the Ninetcenth Ward there was a contest of a purely local character between the friends of Police Commissioner Bell on the one hand and the friends of City Works Commissioner Adams on the other. The ballot-box was stolen half an hour before the time for closing the primary, and was actually carried to the house of District-Attorney Ridgway and placed in his custody. He was in no way the proper custod an of it. What he will do in the matter is an interesting question. That the law has been violated is clear. It is equally clear that Mr. Ridgway is bound to prosecute the offenders. But who expects that he will do so? Probably the whole thing will be hushed up and nothing whatever done. Not the least curious thing about it is that the law which the belligerent Democrat in the Nineteenth Ward failed to obey is the one whose passage was secured by Mayor Chapin when in the Assembly. A failure to vindicate it in this conspicuous instance would be a sorry reflection upon the

The Kings County Elevated Railroad Company is to be allowed to extend its line through the Twenty sixth Ward to the city limit under the name of the Fulton Company. Consent to this was granted by the Aldermen on Monday. It was accompanied with a like the so-called Western District. There is not much likelihood, though, that the latter road will be constructed. The demand for it is not intense, and while it would be a great convenience to some people it would not be a paying investment for a lo at least. In fact, according to the route laid down it would practically have no terminus at all at the western end. It would abut against the Union Company's road in Myrtle-ave., with no means of getting passengers where they would want to go without

The meeting of the Bridge trustees last week was of particular interest, because the annual report of President Howell was presented. It is noteworthy that while over 30,000,000 persons were carried in the cars, less than 3,000,000 travelled on the promenade. Thus it is becoming more and more evident that the chief usefulness of the Bridge is as a railway bridge. it was natural that the footway should be greatly It was the large crowd on Decoration Day in 1983 that caused the lamentable accident with the loss of several lives. At that time there were emphatic complaints that the projectors of the structure had erestimated the extent to which it would be used in regard to the promenade. It is used by comparatively few persons. As a means of recreation it might wisely be used by more. I know at least one tleman whose business is in Brooklyn who has

labor reduced. Henceforth they are to receive \$2 50 for eight hours' work. Mr. Howell says that the change will cost \$6,000. The cities can afford to treat these men, who are mercilessly exposed, with liberality. The hours and the rates of pay fixed, however, do not seem to be more than simple justice.

Some exception is taken to my renark last week in regard to the desirability of having a link of elevated road connecting the New-York terminus of the Bridge with the west side elevated system, that there ought to be money in it. It is said that the people who go from Brooklyn to the Sixth-ave. road would go anyway, and that whether they ride or are compelled to walk would make no difference. Nothing is better stat-lished than that facilities for travel create travel. Of course a good many persons are perforce required to make their way through crowded Park Place who would use the shuttle trains suggested if there were such, and they will continue to do so. But a great many who are deterred from making the journey to that time. New-York by reason of the time and trouble involved in getting from the Bridge to the Park Place station would not hesitate if the link proposed existed. 1 know Brooklynites who go to New-York by the Twenty-third Street Ferry and then take a street-car across town, just because of the difficulty of reaching the West Side of town from the Bridge. A striking illustration of the need of the Chambers-st. shuttle trains is furnished by the fact that the easiest way to get to the Metropolitan Opera House, when coming from Brooklyn, is to go to Forty-second-st. on the Third-ave. elevated road and then take a street-car to Broadway.

One of the injustices that it is proposed to get rid of is that growing out of the fact that while the Brooklyn schools are overcrowded not a few children from the ounty towns have been coming to Brooklyn to attend school. The reason for this is that the city schools are far superior to those in the country villages. Probably there would be no serious objection to it if all the room in the city school-houses were not absolutely needed by those rightfully entitled to occupy Measures are under consideration to put an end succeed. One thing that ought to be done is to improve the condition of the town schools. That cannot be done at once, but a beginning ought to be made without delay.

"The Standard-Union" is making a praiseworthy crusade in the direction of securing better accommoda tions for people who are compelled to use the Court-st. But the Court-st. line is not the only one that needs stirring up. The Flatbush line is a notorious delinquent, besides being infested with pickpockets during the bours when travel is heaviest. The Brook-Ivn City Company has suffered somewhat, necessarily, on account of the construction of the elevated roads Its picayune policy will lead, unless a reform is speed Hy made, to the construction of elevated roads in such numbers that the travel by street-cars will be nearly all wiped out.

WORK FOR THE CHILDREN.

A REPORT FROM THE BABIES' HOSPITAL.

HANDSOME GIFTS FOR THE INSTITUTION-MORE ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS NEEDED.

The financial report prepared by the assistant treasurer of the Babies' Hospital and presented at the annual meeting last Monday is as follows:

RECEIPTS.		
Cash on hand November 1, 1887		\$2,963 31
Received from donations and annual s	uu-	13,050 02
scriptions		
Received from interest on deposit .		84 15
Received from money borrowed		5,000 00
Total receipts to December 1, 1888	15	\$21,097 48
EXPENDITURES.	350	GEORGE SER
Toward purchase of real estate	1 12	\$7,500.00
Interest on mortgage and loans	1.5	1,050 00
		2,000 00
Partial repayment of loan		
For salarles, labor and wages		1,238 84
For provisions and supplies		682 45
For clothing		165 45
		99 24
For medicine and medical supplies .		240 46
		409 56
For furniture and bedding		
For ordinary repairs		,080 70
For rent		596 33
For search of titles		100 00
For fire insurance	- 2	31 50
For taxes, including water tax	1 33	378 00
		010 00
For all other purposes, including static	A11.	

Nightingale," postage and various nec-essary expenses

than \$100.

Donations for the support of the hospital have been very liberal during its first year, and many generous contributions have been obtained through the exertions of the following managers. Dr. S. J. McNutt, Mrs. A. H. Smith, Mrs. T. E. Satterthwaite, Mrs. J. Newton Dickson and Mrs. W. T. Schley, The contributions include among others the following especially generous gifts:

ł	The Misses Cooper							\$1,000
۱	Mrs, H. R. Winthrop .						•	2,000
l	Mrs. William H. Vanderbil	t.						1,000
ı	Mrs. William Moir							500
ı	Mrs. Calvin S. Brice							500
ı	Mrs. A. C. Kingsland .			-				1,000
ı	Mrs. D. Willis James							1,000
Ì	Mrs. H. C. Fahnestock .							200
ı	Mrs. F. W. Thompson .							1,000
l	Miss Susan Parish		1			100		270
t	Mrs. Robert Hoe, jr., towar	41 6	ende	MI	nent	of	a	
۱	bed for life							2,000

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Through the kind interest and personal exertions of
Robert Walker, jr., the sum of \$1,250 was raised
amongst his friends and acquaintances. Special
mention should also be made of the sum of \$800,
which was raised by a children's fair at the Casine
in Elberon, N. J., last autumn, which took place
under the direction of Mrs. Andrew H. Smith, our first
directress, assisted by Mr. Garland's children, and
many others.

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There was also raised the further sum of \$518.75 through a very successful tea organized by the Crib Side Committee of the Hospital. Also \$165 by the Myandotte sociable, \$200 by the Mission Board of the Church of the Covenant, and \$135 by the Sunday-school of the First Congregational Church of Montclair, N. J.

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The special attention of the board is called to the fact that while the donations for the support of the liables' Hospital have thus far been large, the annual subscriptions have been small. They will not at present bring in more than \$550 a year. It seems important that every effort should be made to increase the annual subscription list, in order that the Hospital may be placed upon a sure financial basis.

VIRGINIA H. HALL, Assistant Treasuret.

AN APPEAL TO SANTA CLAUS.
The little ones of the New-York Foundling Asylum.

Sixty-eighth-st, and Third-ave., send the following

letter:

Dear Santa Claus: Everybody says that you love limic children and want them all to be happy on Christmas Day, so we thought we had better let you know that there are 600 of us here, in this great, big house, and we do hope you will bring us lots of nice things. We haven't any papas or mammas to put you in mind of us, and to tell you, as papas and mammas always do, what good little children we have been all the year, so flease, dear Santa Claus, keep this little note where you can't help seeing it very day, and then you will be sure not to forget the

P. S.—You can send us anything that you please, or there are 200 poor women in this big house and hey want a Merry Christmas, too.

AN ACTIVE REPUBLICAN CLUB AT WORK. The Hamilton Republican Club will hold a meeting The Hamilton Republican Club will hold a meeting at No. 264 West One-hundred-and-twenty-fifth-st on Monday at 8 p.m. This club has effected a permanent organization, and invites the hearty co-operation of all good citizens in its neighborhood. It is full of real

and deserves not only the sympathy, but the active sup-port of all Republicans of West Harlem.

THE FUNERAL OF THOMAS D. WINCHESTER For the fourth time this week the Church of the Trans iguration has been occupied by a funeral. keepers in the city, in attendance at the funeral of Thomas D. Winchester. The Rev. Dr. Edward C. Houghton conducted the service. Among the congregation were the dead man's widow, brother and other relatives. R. C. formed the habit of walking to New York and back on every pleasant day. He says that he never indulged in any exercise that he enjoyed so much. Nowhere, of course, can purer air be found, and the ever-changing panorama of river, bay and cities is a perpetual source of new delight.

Travellers by the Bridge railway will be glad over the success of the trainmen in getting their hours of Brown, Charles Romeister, Charles Shelly,

IN THE PLAY-HOUSES.

GLANCES AT PLEASURES PAST AND TO COME. Most of the theatres last week felt somewhat the inuence of the approach of the holidays. As nearly all the shops remained open in the evenings and were thronged with Christmas buyers the size of the audiences in the various places of amusement was nat-urally somewhat affected. But the Broadway Theatre was crowded every night to the doors, "Little Lord Fauntleroy" having proved one of the strongest attractions produced in recent years in this city Elsie Leslie is the pet and the idol of all who see and hear her, and the play contains so many elements both of the pathetic and of the charming, that it seems certain to disappoint all prophets who predicted that It could not run long in so great a theatre as the Breadway, and to be capable of filling a house through the season, if the management cared to run it there for

It is true that its delicate effects could be more thoroughly studied and appreciated in a smaller house but little Elsie has made a stir among theatre-goers similar to that made by young Joseph Hoffmann among lovers of music last year, and applications for seals hers. While Tommy Russell is much commended for his presentment of the character Little Lord Fauntleroy, he cannot at all rival little Elsle in popularity, and nearly all inquirers at the box office desire seats for a performance in which Elsie takes the part.

When the Booth-Barrett season was opened at the Fifth Avenue Theatre it was intended to confine the productions of this engagement to "Othello" and "The Merchant of Venice," but it proved that many admirers of these famous actors resented the increase in the prices of seats, and hence it became necessary to make a change in the bill. The production of 'Julius Caesar" has resulted in increased interest and larger houses during the week just closed. "Julius Caesar" is to be continued through the week, and the advance sale is large. "The Fool's Revenge," "Yorick's Love," "David Garrick" and "The King's Pleasure" will probably be given before January 5. of these four plays will be presented at each per formance, making a double bill of rare interest.

This is the last week of Miss Mary Anderson's production of "The Winter's Tale" at Palmer Theatre, which has been attended by an enthusiasti and ardent public interest, exceeding in the size of the audiences and in the amounts of the receipts any of Miss Anderson's previous engagements in this

On Monday evening, December 24, Mrs. James Brown Potter, who this week will be playing in Brooklyn, will come out in "Twixt Axe and Crown." Preparations for the production of "Antony and Cleopatra," Mrs. Potter as Cleopatra, are actively under way, and curiosity is general and keen as to the effect which will be produced by the actress in the role of the Serpent of Old Nile, and by the aspect and em-bodiment upon the stage of the rough, rollicking, bolsterous, big, coarse Antony by the delicate and even effeminate Kyrle Bellew.

Daly's Theatre is independent of holidays and of times of fasting and depression as well. No matter how much preoccupied or how busy with affairs. the public which supports the play-houses may be, Daly's Theatre is certain of the most generous supcrowded houses, and will be continued for some week to come, with matinees on Wednesday and Saturday, also on Christmas and New-Year's Day, is the tenth week of this fascinating bit of drollery, and it shows no abatement in popularity. On Tuesday, December 18, the third day of Mr.

his own life at each performance. This termination of his checkered career seems to meet the approval of the audiences much more fully than did commital to prison, as in version prepared by Mr. Boucleault.

But "Captain Swift," although a strongly written and effective play, is surrounded with so gloomy an atnosphere that it is hardly likely to rival at the Madi son Square the run of "Jim the Penman," even al though it is superbly cast and presented in a style even superior to the triumphs which Mr. Palmer has reviously accomplished at this theatre.

Happy are the people who have no history, who

are so prosperous and contented that they have no trials and troubles to pass through. Something of that sort is the condition of the Lyceum Theatre, in which Mr. Pinero's charming comedy of "Sweet Lavender" is running to houses that could by no possibility be larger. Daniel Frohman is compelled regret at each presentation of this play that the capacity of the Lyceum is limited. If it could be in creased by 50 or 60 per cent, the demand for scats would more than equal the expansion of the space Mr. Pinero has written a letter of congratulation to Mr. Frohman on the success of his play in America.

Although " Monte Cristo, jr." with the oddities of Nellie Farren, the diversified and ingenious fun of Frederick Leslie and the bewitching dancing of earth or covered with water, vegetable fibre decays Letty Lind and Sylvia Gray, has constantly drawn good houses, the bill is to be changed to morrow night, and the burlesque of "Miss Esmeraida," founded on Victor Hugo's romance of Notre Dame, will be presented. The demand for seats for this production, which will not be an entire novelty in this country-some ver sions of " Monte Cristo, jr.," had been seen here before it was produced by the Galety Company-has been very active and animated among all lovers of There is a general desire to see the versatility of Mist Farren exhibited in another character, and to discover if there is any limit to the surprises the oulddities and the whimsies of Mr. Leslie, whose popularity as a burlesque comedian is now so emphatically recognized both in London and New-York Then, too, the army of admirers of the singularly original and graceful dancing of Miss Lind and Miss Gray are eager to know it this fascinating pair can display any new lines of beauty in movement never dreamed of by Hogarth.

Although the enthusiastic advocates of Edward Although the enthusiastic arcocates of raise and the large of the line of plays devoted to scenes of local atmosphere and local flavor in this city cannot but regret his crossing the sea and going to Ireland for the plot and incidents and inspiration of his present production, still, the admirers of "The Lorgaire" are so many and so zealous in their approval that the new Irish play has finished its first week with excellent prospects of a long run. All those who en joy a truly Irish play with the genuine Irish senti ment—and the stupendous success of "The College Bawn," "Artsh na Pogue" and "The Shaughraun" in past years shows what enormous hosts there are of them-will find much to entertain and delight them in Mr. Harrigan's "Lorgaire."

Although the extravaganza and spectacle of "The Crystal Slipper" is exactly suited to this holiday season, and the Star Theatre is exceptionally fitted for such productions, it has not attained the complete neasure of success here which was expected, although the houses have been anything but small. If the children and older people were not so much occupied in thinking of Christmas trees and Christmas gifts, this glittering setting of the story of Cindercila, which has many features of original attractiveness It will be continued through the coming week, and has enough of novelty and charm in its peculiar dances and its various features to make it worth the while of those who have not already seen it to pay a visit to the Star.

Denman Thompson's play of city life, "The Two Sisters," is still running to good houses at Niblo's, and will be continued until Nat Goodwin comes in Christmas week. Denman Thompson is certainly large and conspicuous figure before the New-York play-going public, when he throngs the immense Academy of Music with delighted audiences during the week, with himself as the chief attraction, in the delightful play of "The Old Homestead," and at the same time is able to score such a success with another play at Niblo's that a run of several weeks to good business is recorded.

News comes from London that "The Yeomen of the Guard" is as successful there as any of Gilbert and sullivan's previous operas. The advance sale for January, it is stated, already amounts to £4,000. It cannot truthfully be said that "The Yeomen" has made so emphatic an impression on this side of the water, although the piece is in its third month at the Casino. It has not won anything like so large a measure of public favor as was won in this country by "The Mikado," and can hardly be said to exceed in attractive qualities the comparative failure of "Raddygore." But everybody wishes to see anything of Gilbert and Sullivan's at least once, and Mr. Aronson has produced "The Yeomen" at the Casino in so sumptuous a style that its run is likely to continue there for some time longer, although many of the

patrons and warmest admirers of the Casino would heartily welcome a change of bill. If the opera is continued through the winter at the Casino, its protracted run will be due rather to the merits of the company and the beauty of the setting than to any extensive endowment of popular

qualities in the piece. People who like the sort of amusement provided by such concections as "A Brass Monkey" seem to like it very much and this absurdity will retain possession of the Bijou Theatre until January 5. The "Razzle-dazzle" song has gone all over the town, and the expression has become as frequent a bit of slang

almost as any phrase in the street talk of the day. Herrmann's new tilusion, "La Cremation," proved sufficiently stupefying and bewildering to attract a great many spectators to the Fourteenth magician is presenting a great variety of interesting devices. There will be changes in the bill this wee which will serve to maintain the interest. On Christmas Eve, " A Tin Soldier," the well-known farce comedy by Mr. Hoyt which has been produced at several theatres in this city at various times, will be brought out at the Fourteenth Street Theatre.

It is stated that the entire weekly expenses of the Academy of Music and the entire weekly running expenses of Denman Thompson's company in "The Old Homestead" are cleared at the Saturday matinee and Saturday night performances. The fifteenth week of the popular play has already passed, so has the hun dredth night-no souvenirs were given, however-no mention was made of the fact. "Uncle Joshua" says he does not expect to give any souvenirs away On Wednesday afternoon through the good nature

of Manager Sanger about one hundred children, inmates of the Children's Ward of St. Luke's Hospital and the Deborah Nursery, witnessed the delightful performance of "Little Lord Fauntieroy" at the handsome Broadway Theatre. Several applications have been received from other institutions. Mr. Sanger, however, is desirous of receiving more as he ha set aside a portion of the house at each Wednesday matinee, and is anxious that the children of the various charitable institutions receive the

P. S. Gilmore's famous band will play at the Sunday evening concert in the Broadway Theatre to-night, and there will be other features of vocal and instrumental music.

The usual Sunday evening concert at popular prices will be given in the Academy of Music the 71st Regiment Band, and several soloists of ability will sing.

At the Grand Opera House Mr. Prohman's excellent travelling company has been playing "The Wife" with great success. This week the Byrne-Wife" with great success. This week the Byrne-Wallack version of that ancient and inevitable infliction, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," will be presented, and those West-Siders who have not already had their fill of Topsy, Uncle Tom, Eliza, the bloodhounds and the floating cakes of fee will be amused, horrified and thrilled by the various passages of this irrepressible story.

The new German Theatre, the Amberg at Irving Place and Fifteenth-st., has been successfully producing "Ein Toller Einfall." On Thursday night Mr. Amberg will bring out Zumpe's comic opera, "Farinelli."

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Philippioteaux's remarkable panorama of "The Battle of Gettysburg" is still continued at Nineteenth-st, and Fourth-ave., and many spectators study its effects, both on Sundays and week-days.

At the Grand Opera House this evening Professor Cromwell will take the spectators through Ireland and unfoil to them, both by illustration and by description, the beauties of its charming scenery.

Julius Magnus, the well-known journalist and theatrical writer, has accepted an engagement in connection with the tor of John A. Machay, who is going out soon with a new play, written for him by Leonard Grover, with which Mr. Machay and his friends express much satisfaction. Mr. Machay is fortunate in having enlisted the services of Mr. Magnus, whose experience and ability male his work of exceptional value to any manager or star.

larity. On Tuesday, December 18, the third day of Mr. Daiy's subscription nights, his famous comedy success of "Needles and Pins" will be presented. At each one of the subscription mights thus far the house has been filled to its utmost capacity with an audience made up of the choicest elements in the fashionable part of New-York life.

Mr. Palmer, after a careful trial, decided that it would be advisable to restore the original English ending of Captain Swift, and Maurice Barrymore, in the part of the wild and prodigal criminal, now ends his own life at each performance. This termination

COAL AS A FACTOR IN CIVILIZATION.

ITS INFLUENCE IN MODERN HISTORY TRACED-SOME INTERESTING FACTS.

Professor J. S. Newberry, of Columbia College, terested a large audience at the college yesterday morning by a lecture on "Coal, the Dominant Factor Modern History," The speaker first told how coal was formed and what it was from a scientifi ent writers on the subject, and traced the history of Egypt, showing what a remarkable change occurred in the prosperity of different nations simultaneously

with the general use of coal. He said in part: "It may seem a 'reductio ad absurdum' to attribute such mighty powers to a substance so common, so sooty, and in some ways repulsive, but a little thought will show us that it is scarcely more interesting in its practical value than in its history. Few of you have realized the magnitude and dignity of the work it is doing in the world, and fewer still have thought that it is really the sunshine of bygone ages, and that it plants some of which are among the most graceful or oxidizes slowly, forming in successive stages of decomposition, peat, lignite, coal, anthracite, graphie, the hydrocarbon gases and petroleum. By regulating and controlling the further exidation of these we are able to utilize the resulting force as light

or heat or motive power. "To help you to realize the potency of this wonder ful substance, coal, let me recall to your memories the measurements of the power evolved in its con bustion. It is estimated that with the average engines now in use, about 1,500,000 foot pounds are practically now in use, about 1,500,000 foot pounds are practically evolved from the conbustion of a pound of coal, and are available in the performance of any work done. Now, this is about the power exerted in a day's labor of an average man. Hence a ton of coal is capable of yielding an amount of force equivalent to that of six and two-thirds men, or of six men and a well-grown boy throughout the year. Or, the annual production of coal in this country and Great Britain is equivalent to a thousand million men working for a year.³

REVISING THE EXCISE LAWS.

DISCUSSING THE QUESTION OF LICENSING STEAMBOATS AND RAILWAY CARS TO SELL LIQUORS.

Ex-Surrogate Rollins resumed the chair at yesterday's session of fae Commission for the Revision of the Excise Laws. Commissioner Kruse's motion requiring applicants for licenses to make oath in writing that they had never violated any provision of the excise law was taken up and after a brief dis cussion was voted down. Mr. Kruse then renewed his moion in another form: "That the local excise board shall examine the applicant under oath as to whether he has violated the law or not, leaving it to the discretion of the board as to whether a license shall be granted or not." This was, on motion of Commissioner Smart; laid on the table. The consid eration of the draft prepared from the previous deliberations of the commission was then resumed and the sections adopted, as previously agreed upon, with the following exceptions The section prohibiting any person signing more

than one bond at the same time was stricken out, Commissioners Rollins, O'Brien, Thomann and Stern voting in favor of striking out and Commiss Crosby, Smart and Kruse against It. It was voted that excise boards must make an annual report of their doings on the first Monday in January to the County Clerk of Their county. A section which provided that the provisions of the law should not apply to towns which may vote for local prohibition was stricken out. Commissioner Kruse then called up his motion which was tabled at the beginning of The session and added a proviso that testimony so taken should not be used against the applicant in any future trial was defeated. When the consideration of the first half of the bill had been completed, Commissioner Stern moved that the matter of fees be again taken up. in order to fix the rates for steamboats and railroads

He moved that there be a uniform license, the fee to be \$50 for each steamboat or radroad-ear in which liquor is sold and that sale should only be permitted THE STATE TROOPS.

COMING MILITARY CONVENTIONS.

PROPOSED MOBILIZATION IN APRIL-RECRUIT-ING PRIZES-PROMOTIONS FROM THE RANKS. In a circular announcing that the annual convention of the National Guard Association of the State of New-York will open in the armory of Company B, 10th Battalion, at Albany, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 1889, the president, Brigadier-General Doyle,

The president desires to congratulate the associa-tion upon the successful results of the last convention, and would call attention to the prompt and courteous consideration by the Commander-in-Chief of the various recommendations there made, and would instance the adoption of a State blouse and the appointment of non-commissioned officers by the commandants of batteries and commanders, as showing the keepest intensit in the various The president desires to congratulate the associacompanies, as showing the keenest interest in the welfar of the guard. As the recommendations by the associa-tion, are the recognized expression of the desires of the guard, the president would ask for a full representation from each and every organization at the January meeting as the matters to be discussed are of intense interest t as the matters to be discussed are of interior interior and all. Among others will be the proposed mobilization of all the troops in the State in New-York City during the latter part of next April. . . Inclosed you will find the necessary credential blanks. It is essential that they be filled out and one mailed to Colonel A. B. Lawrence, recording secretary, Warsaw, N. Y., not later than January 10, and the other to be presented by the chairman of

delegation at the convention. At a special meeting of Company F, 22d Regiment, held after drill last Tuesday evening, ex-First Sergeant Nichol offered a prize of \$25, to be given to the member of the company who shall obtain the largest num-ber of recruits before next Decoration Day. The company then organized as a committee of the whole to carry out the project of giving a ball. Second Lieutenant W. J. Hussey was made president; Private G. E. Lackey, vice-president; Sergeant J. A. Turney, treasurer; Corporal M. MacGregor, recording secretary, and Private J. F. Tousey, corresponding secretary. It was decided that the ball should be given early in February, and the following executive committee was appointed to take immediate charge of the arrangenents: Corporals B. F. Tuers, E. J. Demarest and F. A. Kramer, and Privates E. F. Skinner and J. F.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert W. Leonard, assistant adjutant-general on the staff of General Fitzgerald, has addressed a circular to the officers of the 1st Brigade, informing them that a class in fencing is ng at the Erigade headquarters, and inviting them all to join. The expense for each officer is \$8.

Colonel Frederick Kapper, of the 71st Regiment, Licutenant-Colonel Thomas B. Rand, of the 9th Regiment, and Major Edward Duffy, of the 69th Regiment, constituting a board of survey, appointed by the Commander-in-Chief, have condemned the State property partially destroyed by fire recently in the room of ompany G, 22d Regiment.

The practice of holding fairs and meetings not of a

military character in armories has received its quietus in an amendment to paragraph 818 of the Regulations, the adoption of which is announced in General Orders from the Adjutant-General's office as follows: Paragraph 818 of the Regulations is hereby amended so

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818. Armories and arsenals shall be used only by
troops of the National Guard (except that they may be
used by posts of the Grand Army of the Republic, or other
veteran organizations of honorably discharged Union soldiers or sailors of the late war, in cases where such us is authorized by statute) and for such other purely mili-tary purposes as may be approved by the Adjutant-General. The scores by which the team of Company F, 7th Regiment, won the Team of Five match, beating

the record, are as follows: Corporal W. H. Macfarlan, 66; Private C. L. Comfort, 65; Private A. G. Scrapton 65; Sergeant J. D. Ford, 63, and Private F. S. Ken nedy, 63, making a total of 322. Company B made the previous best record, which was 320. First Lieutenant William J. Maidhoff, who has been unanimously elected captain of Company B, 22d Regiment, enlisted as private in Company G on Novembe

He was made commissary sergeant on June 1, 1875, sergeant major on December 8, 1876 and first lieutenant on November 22, 1880. Warrants have been issued to the following newlyelected non-commissioned officers in the 7th Regiment : Sergeants A. M. Hearn, L. C. Connolly, James

Kidney, John A. B. Stillings, and Corporals M. Crane, E. B. Fernald, H. S. Bartow and O. H. Blackman. Lieutenant Kohlberger, of Company I, 9th Regiment, will probably be the new captain of Company C, of that command, with William Peach and John D. O'Connor as his lieutenants.

Privates John Butler and A. C. Jessup, of Company P, 7th Regiment, have been discharged on account of the expiration of their terms of service Privates J. M. Mora, jr., and W. M. Milne have been dropped from the rolls on account of their removal from the Military District. Among the re-cruits who have recently joined Captain Appleton's Philip Cross, W. Lincoln Driggs, Alfred H. Taylor, Harry I. Tuttle, Julien T. Davies and Samuel S. Patterson. Private Mapes, who was recently disevery drill during hi years' service.

The civil officers of Company G, 71st Regiment for the ensuing year are as follows: Chairman, Lieu tenant William T. Gouch; treasurer, First Sergeant Myers; recording secretary, William A. Edmunds; financial secretary, Corporal Frank F. Nixon; finance committee, Lieutenant Gouch, Privates George A. Hand and A. S. Ronald; armory committee, Quarter-master sergeant Elier, Privaces William J. Shanks and W. W. Burn; committee on membership, Sergeant Kottman and Privates W. A. Edmunds and George A. Hand.

THE "BADGER" IS AN OLD OFFENDER. After the arrest of Edward Meredith for shooting Phile Daly, the gambler, Inspector Byrnes sent pictures of the prisoner to the wardens of the principal cities in this country and requested them to reply if Meredith had been in their prisons. Mr. Byrnes was confident that Meredith was an ex-convict, but he had no record of the rogue's history. Yesterwarden of the prison at Columbus, Ohio: We recognize the picture of Meredith as that of

Louis Cariton who violated his parole and owes the State five years' sentence for forgery. Please telegraph to me and we will forward the necessary requisition papers to bring him back to this city to do that five years if he cannot be convicted in your city. E. G. COFFIN, Warden. Inspector Byrnes said he expected that Meredith

would be sent to prison for the shooting of Daly before going West to finish an old term of imprison-

THE END OF THE DAWSON FURNITURE SALE The third and concluding day's sale of Mrs. Daw on's household furniture was brought to a successful end at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon. cer's efforts have realized a grand total of \$22,500, or about a third of the original cost of furnishing Yesterday's proceedings consisted for the most part of the disposal of various unique odds and ends and curiosities, and as usual on such occasions the ladies came out in gallant force. Two large Flemish carved oak arm chairs went for \$200 and a magnifi en cabine was sold well within its value at the same price. old sedan chair excited much interest when put up for exhibition, and after a warm competition was knocked down for \$225. Other articles found new owners at sums ranging from \$70 to \$160.

Among the ladies present were Mrs. Blumenthal, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Scely, Mrs. Lauterbach, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. Tillinghast, Mrs. Cavarley, Mrs. Russell. Mrs. Bayne and Mrs. Hungerfort, Mrs. Dawson's choice collection of oil paintings and water colors will be disposed of at the Fifth Avenue Auction Rooms on Thursday and Friday evenings, December 20 and 21, at 8 o'clock. The pictures will be on view on Tuesday and Wednesday, the 18th and 19th. Among them is one valued at \$20,000, which will be disposed of by private sale.

THE VETERANS OF THE SEVENTH AT DRILL

The veterans of the 7th Regiment held the first of their eries of regular monthly drills on Friday evening at the 2d Battery Armory through the courtesy of Captain P. P. Earle. There were about 125 present, the majority being in the new uniform adopted by the association last spring.

General H. E. Tremain supervised the drill, conducted by
Lieutenant-Colonel E. G. Arthur. The movements were
principally by fours and wheeling by company and plateon fronts, which were well executed, and demonstrate the fact that with occasional drills ex-officers and ex-members of the National Guard may be depended upon in an emergency as a valuable adjunct to the regular forces.

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